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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/887,204	Applicant(s) FLESHNER-BARAK ET AL.	
	Examiner Blessing M. Fubara	Art Unit 1618	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 90-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 90-96 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 90-96 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner acknowledges receipt of Notice of Appeal and amendment after final filed 3/3/06. Claims 90-96 are pending.

1. The indicated allowability of claims 90-96 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Burnside. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.
2. The finality of the rejection of the last Office action is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 90-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burnside et al. (US 6,322,819) in view of Swanson et al. (US 4,326,525).

Burnside discloses multiple pulsed dose drug delivery system (abstract) comprising a core (column 6, lines 52-56) that includes one or more amphetamine salts coated with immediate release coating and one or more amphetamine salts that are covered with enteric coating (column 3, lines 25-48; column 4), and additives, the additives are binders, disintegration agent, filling agent, surfactant, solubilizers and stabilizers (column 6, line 64; column 7, lines 1, 6, 11, 14 and 18). Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose is an example of a binder additive (column 6, lines 63-67); cross-linked carboxymethylcellulose (AC-DISOL), sodium starch glycolate (EXPLOTAB), crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone (PLASDONE XL) are examples of disintegration agents (column 7, lines 1-5); mannitol, lactose, polyethylene glycol are few of the fillers in Burnside

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(column 7, lines 6-10); PLURONIC is a surfactant in Burnside (column 7, lines 10-13); methylphenidate is specifically disclosed as an amphetamine derivative (column 7, lines 48-55).

The cross-linked carboxymethylcellulose (AC-DISOL), sodium starch glycolate (EXPLOTAB), crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone (PLASDONE XL) meet the limitation of the claimed disintegration agents.

Burnside discloses a composition comprising disintegration agent and methylphenidate and the composition is multi-particulate with some cores coated with enteric coating material and others coated with immediate release coating materials. The formulation of Burnside does not contain tannic acid or tannin or gallototannic acid.

However, Swanson discloses a dosage form containing methylphenidate (column 7, line 16), tannic acid (column 7, line 44; column 8, line 16). Thus, Swanson is relied upon for disclosing methylphenidate formulation that comprises tannic acid.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to prepare the methylphenidate multi-core dosage form according to Burnside. One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to include tannic acid in the formulation of Burnside with the expectation of producing and providing multiple pulsed dose of amphetamine salts and specifically methylphenidate.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blessing M. Fubara whose telephone number is (571) 272-0594. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blessing Fubara', is written over the printed name.